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SETTING UP OF FOREIGN AIDED PRIVATE POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power projects set up during each of the last three years in foreign collaboration or independently by foreign companies or proposed to be set up in near future, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the names of foreign and Indian participants, the amount of total investments and time schedule to completion of each such project in the country;

(c) whether the Government has given clearance to these projects in all respects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which power shortage in the country is likely to be reduced after commissioning of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Proposals for Foreign Direct Investment in respect of power generation projects (other than nuclear power plants) no longer require the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIBP) for foreign investment and are eligible for automatic approval.Further, under the Electricity Act, 2003, generation of electricity has been delicensed and also there is no longer any requirement of Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for thermal generation schemes.

CEA had accorded TEC to a number of power projects having foreign equity/partner. Only some of these projects could achieve financial closure and remaining could not, due to various reasons including the inability of the State Electricity Boards/Utilities to provide payment security mechanism owing to their poor financial health. The list of power projects, location-wise and State-wise, having foreign equity/partner which have been commissioned in the last 3 years or which may achieve financial closure/commissioning in the near future is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) : Yes, Sir, as stated above, CEA has accorded TEC to all the projects listed in Annexure-I.

(d) : The estimated capital cost and other details as per TEC have been indicated project-wise is Annexure-I. After all these projects are commissioned, they will add a total installed capacity of 5151 MW and to that extent, contribute towards reducing the power shortage.